

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, throughout history, millions of Irish immigrants have traveled to America in search of freedom, justice, and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, fleeing religious, social, and political discrimination, as well as starvation and disease, these immigrants depended on the strong spirit and character of their Irish heritage to succeed in a new land; and

WHEREAS, Americans of Irish descent have played a vital role in shaping our history and culture, exploring our frontiers, and fortifying our democracy through their military and public service, ingenuity, and creativity; and

WHEREAS, Irish American Heritage Month celebrates the contributions of these talented and industrious people and recognizes their rich legacy of achievement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2005 as

IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the accomplishments of Irish Americans in the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA